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SUBJECT: FUTURE CONSTRUCTION: PHASE ONE OF NEW RADIO-  
TELEVISION COMPLEX APPROVED BY GOJ

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1. THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA HAS APPROVED PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPLEX FOR THE JAMAICA BROADCASTING CORPORATION (JBC). THE PLANS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF 80,000 SQUARE FOOT, THREE STORY BUILDING AT A SITE NEAR JAMAICA'S NATIONAL STADIUM, PROVISION OF THREE MORE TELEVISION BROADCAST CHANNELS, INSTALLATION OF NEW TRANSMITTERS TO SERVE BOTH AM AND FM RADIO AS WELL AS TELEVISION AND THE TAKING OVER OF TRANSMITTER MAINTENANCE FROM RADIO JAMAICA THE PRIVATELY OWNED AND RIVAL RADIO STATION.

2. OVERALL COST OF THIS PHASE OF THE DEVELOPMENT IS US\$10 MILLION AND WORK IS EXPECTED TO START DURING THE 1975/76 FISCAL YEAR DURING WHICH JBC IS DUE TO BUY US\$1.1 MILLION OF TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT. THIS PART OF THE PROGRAM, WHICH INCLUDES THE REPLACEMENT OF SOME OF THE PRESENT EQUIPMENT FOR BLACK AND WHITE TELEVISION, IS DUE TO COMPLETED BY 1978.

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3. THE SECOND PHASE OF THE PROJECT WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN

APPROVED INVOLVES THE INTRODUCTION OF COLOR TELEVISION.  
THIS IS EXPECTED TO COST US\$8 MILLION TAKING INTO  
CONSIDERATION INFLATION OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS. BRITISH,  
JAPANESE AND WEST GERMAN SOURCES OF SUPPLY ARE BEING EXPLORED  
AND THE BRITISH IN PARTICULAR ARE VERY KEEN TO CORNER THE SALES  
OF THE DESIRED EQUIPMENT

4. INTERESTED UNITED STATES SUPPLIERS SHOULD CONTACT THE  
FOLLOWING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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